

Sir, a party must have faith in itself, and respect itself, if it would be more than a mockery, and a sham. To be powerful and respected, it must be pure and self-sustaining. Its ideal must be pure, and clearly defined and well understood. It must have unquestioning faith in the truth, fitness, and necessity of its issues and objects: for its first duty is to be, in respect to them, as perfect as it knows; they should express its best thoughts and its profoundest convictions. A party careful to be right will be earnest, and earnestness is the hardest op-